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Attachments: IQGs Updates briefing 10282020.pptx

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Hi Bob - - This briefing is much improved, thank you and we still need to do a little more work. I've made some changes to the slides and also included comments about information we need. Bottom line we need to describe what our intentions are with each and not just say include this information in the new IQG procedure.

I will invite you to my EQMD Weekly on Nov 17th and you can give this briefing to Jeff and Patrick, so we need to have this ready by noon on the 16th.

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Getting ready to forward you the invite for tomorrow's meeting.

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Cc: Chalfant, Katherine <Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: For next QCIX

Bob - - Thank you for starting this slide deck. I also want

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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Once, you make these changes and add the new slides I will be a thorough review.

Thank you!

Katherine

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Hi Katherine,

At the last QCIX, Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) slide outlining how the Information Quality Act translates to our IQGs via OMB.

Attached are some slides I put together to present at the next QCIX on this topic.

Thanks

Bob

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Subject: IQGs - Request Your Assistant

Betsy,

As you know we have 120-day turn-around time for a Request for Correction (RFC) which depends on the engagement of the respective information owners. I'd appreciate your assistance in resolving the IQG case RFC 19002 – Greenhouse Gas Endangerment Finding shown below as it is long overdue.

You also have RFC 21001 that your staff has been actively working. We have had it for 86 days, but it still needs to be reviewed by OMB before we can send to the requestor. That may put it over the 120-day target.

<i>IQG ID</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Information Owner</i>	<i>Date Received</i>	<i>Days Active</i>	<i>Status / Action Needed</i>
RFC 19002	Greenhouse Gas Endangerment Finding	OAR	5/13/2019	612	Held up in OAR IO
RFC 21001	Greenhouse Effect	OAR	10/20/2020	86	Draft response in OAR mgmt. Need to send to OMB for comment.

Active as of January 14, 2021

Thanks for your help,

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Sent: 3/9/2021 6:55:42 PM
To: Chalfant, Katherine [Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Murray Energy RFC

You know ... when this started to dawn on me during the meeting I was saying some things in my mind that I had not said since I was in the Navy. Fortunately they didn't come out of my mouth. 😊

Poor Mr. Murray ... but it does get us off the hook hopefully. Let's see what Tracy finds out.

BTW, I have the acknowledgment letters ready and waiting for when Denka comes back in with their new Chloroprene RFC.

B

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Sent: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 1:52 PM
To: Tallent, Robert <Tallent.Robert@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Murray Energy RFC

Wow, now there's a way to close out an RFC.

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Sent: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 1:25 PM

To: Tallent, Robert <Tallent.Robert@epa.gov>
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Sent: 3/1/2021 3:47:07 PM
To: Chalfant, Katherine [Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov]
Subject: IQG update... RFC 19002

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Here's how I framed it in my last **IQG Update to you in April of 2020...**

Status/Updates on Open RFC Cases

Summary / Status:

- **RFC #19002, Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Endangerment Finding** – This RFC challenges the 2009 Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Endangerment Finding and supporting Technical Support Document (TSD). Two (2) separate submissions of supplemental information by third-parties submitted to EPA: One by a consortium of 12 State Attorney Generals, the other by Environmental Defense Fund. Draft Response prepared by OAR on 8/30/2019. Reviewed by Scoping Team 9/6/2019. Released by OAR IO on 11/19/2019. Currently stalled in OAR IO pending input from Administrator's Office – *held up for 15 weeks now.*

I'd be happy to dust off this case and offer an overview for you if you wish as I took this case through the Scoping Team and response development review process.

All the best!

KjK

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Hi Katherine,

Good point about the RFC #. Sorry about that.

Was half way through a draft email to April Kluever when had to break for the RFR 21001A Scoping team meeting. That is about Dr. Tinker's Greenhouse Effect.

Since the OAR folks that will deal with the Murray Energy issue are the same as for Dr. Tinker, we did discussed Murray Energy too. I have not assigned Murray Energy RFC a number and we have not alerted OMB about it.

Tracy thinks that:

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Status/Updates on Open RFC Cases

Summary / Status:

- **RFC #19002, Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Endangerment Finding** – This RFC challenges the 2009 Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Endangerment Finding and supporting Technical Support Document (TSD). Two (2) separate submissions of supplemental information by third-parties submitted to EPA: One by a consortium of 12 State Attorney Generals, the other by Environmental Defense Fund. Draft Response prepared by OAR on 8/30/2019. Reviewed by Scoping Team 9/6/2019. Released by OAR IO on 11/19/2019. Currently stalled in OAR IO pending input from Administrator's Office – *held up for 15 weeks now.*

I'd be happy to dust off this case and offer an overview for you if you wish as I took this case through the Scoping Team and response development review process.

All the best!

KJK

Kevin J. Kirby

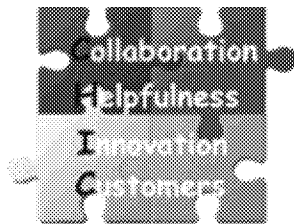
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CC: Chalfant, Katherine [Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov]; Scott, Austin [Scott.Austin@epa.gov]
Subject: RFC 19002 - Endangerment Finding Scoping Team
Attachments: RFC 19002_Endangerment Finding_Scoping Team Agenda_03082021.doc; rfc_19002_-_endangerment_cei.pdf; rfc_19002_-_3rd_party_-_murray_energy_support_for_rfc_0.pdf; multistate_ltr_re_cei_rfc_-_endgmt_finding_8.7.2019.pdf; edf_response_to_cei_iqua_rfc.pdf
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Required Attendees: Sheppard, Tracy; Birnbaum, Rona; Sarofim, Marcus; Martinich, Jeremy; Williams, Melina; Hockstad, Leif; Crimmins, Allison
Optional Attendees: Chalfant, Katherine; Scott, Austin

RFC 19002 Scoping Team

In this meeting we will be reviewing the draft RFC response prior to sending to OMB for their review.

Thanks for all you do for Quality!

Bob

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CC: Chalfant, Katherine [Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Draft Response - RFC 19002 - GHG Endangerment Finding to OMB for review/comment

Hi Bob - - I'm happy to send this forward to Jeff being going to OMB; however, you did not include the response to the requestor, rather you included the email to OMB. Please attach.

Thank you!

Katherine

From: Tallent, Robert <Tallent.Robert@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 5, 2021 10:54 AM
To: Chalfant, Katherine <Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov>
Subject: Draft Response - RFC 19002 - GHG Endangerment Finding to OMB for review/comment

Hi Katherine,

Below is the email string for Jeff to approve and you to send to April Kluever et al for review and comment of RFC 19002 – GHG Endangerment Finding.
The draft response and the original RFC are attached.

As this is one of our old ones, I don't think:

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Thanks

Bob

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Attachments: CEI RFC response letter.3.24.21.clean_kc_rt.docx; rfc_19002_-_endangerment_cei.pdf

Importance: High

Hi Dr. Kluever - -

Attached is the draft response to The Competitive Enterprise Institute (CEI). CEI is the requestor for RFC 19002 – Greenhouse Endangerment Finding. Please review and comment as necessary. RFC 19002 is also attached for your convenience.

In the RFC letter, CEI contends that the 2009 GHG Endangerment Finding and supporting Technical Support Document (TSD) do not meet the requirements of the Information Quality Act. CEI requests that the deficiencies be corrected and EPA cease distributing its Endangerment Finding and TSD until they have gone through the proper peer review process.

Regards,

Katherine

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Thanks

Bob

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Thanks

Bob

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Thanks for your help,

Vaughn

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Bob - - Yes, I'm going to wait to talk to Jeff about this at next week's Weekly and get his feedback.

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I'll let you know where this shakes out!

Katherine

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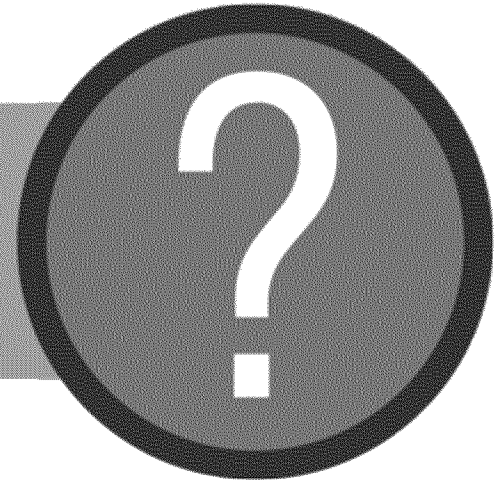
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Vaughn



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Understanding The Information Quality Act & EPA's Information Quality Guidelines

Update to the Quality Community
Information Exchange

March 11, 2021

Topics to Cover

- The Information Quality Act (IQA) purpose
- The Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) role
 - ✓ Information Quality Guidelines (IQGs)
 - ✓ OMB Memorandum M-19-15
- The link between EPA's IQGs and the Agency's Quality Program
- Snapshot of IQG Challenges



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Information Quality Act (IQA)

- Stated Public Law 106-554, Section 515
- Requires OMB to put into effect guidance for Federal agencies to ensure the quality, objectivity, utility, and integrity of the information they disseminate
- OMB's government-wide guidelines, were finalized on Feb 22, 2002 (67 F.R. 8452), https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2021-03/documents/omb_iqgs.pdf
- Requires Federal agencies to publish their own agency specific guidelines



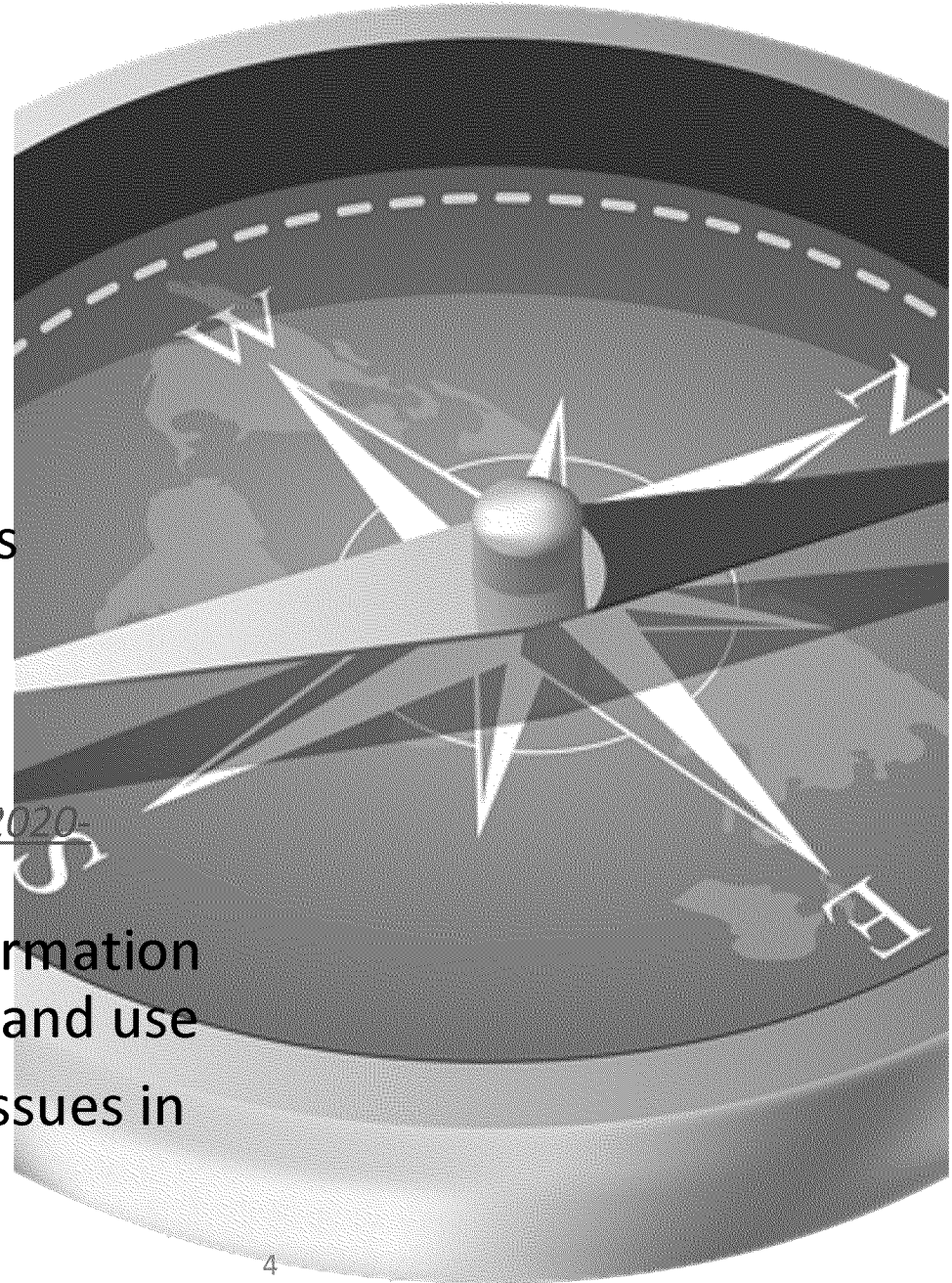


OMB M-19-15

- Issued Apr 24, 2019
- Reinforces, clarifies, and interprets agency responsibilities in the IQA
- Updates implementation of the *"Guidelines"*

https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2020-11/documents/omb-m-19-15_1.pdf

- Reflects recent innovations in information generation, access, management, and use
- Helps agencies address common issues in maintaining information quality





EPA Information Quality Guidelines (IQGs)

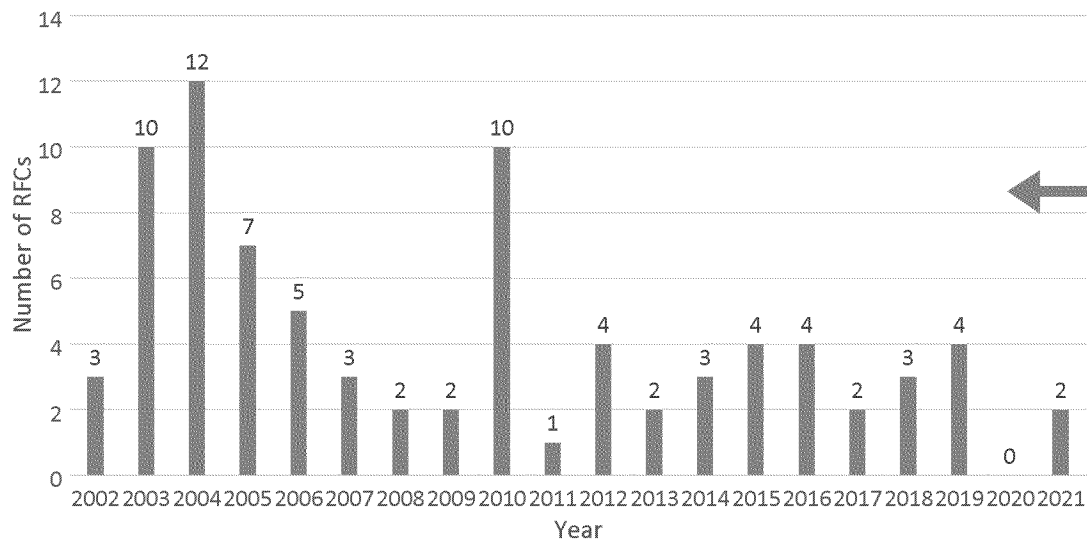
- Issued October 2002
 - https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2020-02/document/info-quality-guidelines_pdf_version.pdf
- Developed in response to guidelines issued by OMB
- Contain EPA's policy and procedural guidance for ensuring and maximizing the quality of disseminated information
- The IQGs:
 - ✓ Outline administrative mechanisms for EPA pre-dissemination review of information products
 - ✓ Describe mechanisms to enable affected persons to seek and obtain corrections from EPA regarding disseminated information that they believe does not comply with EPA or OMB guidelines:
 - Request for Correction (RFC)
 - Request for Reconsideration (RFR)



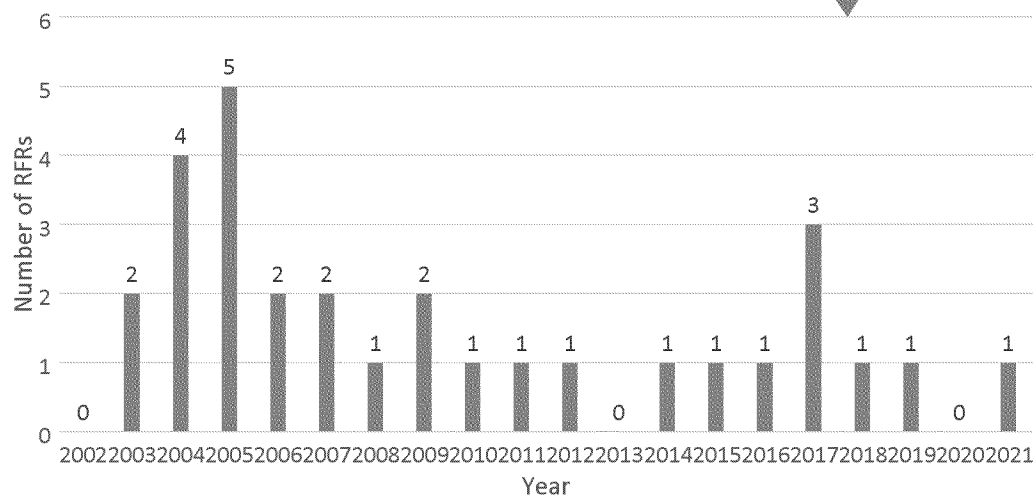


IQG Challenges by Year

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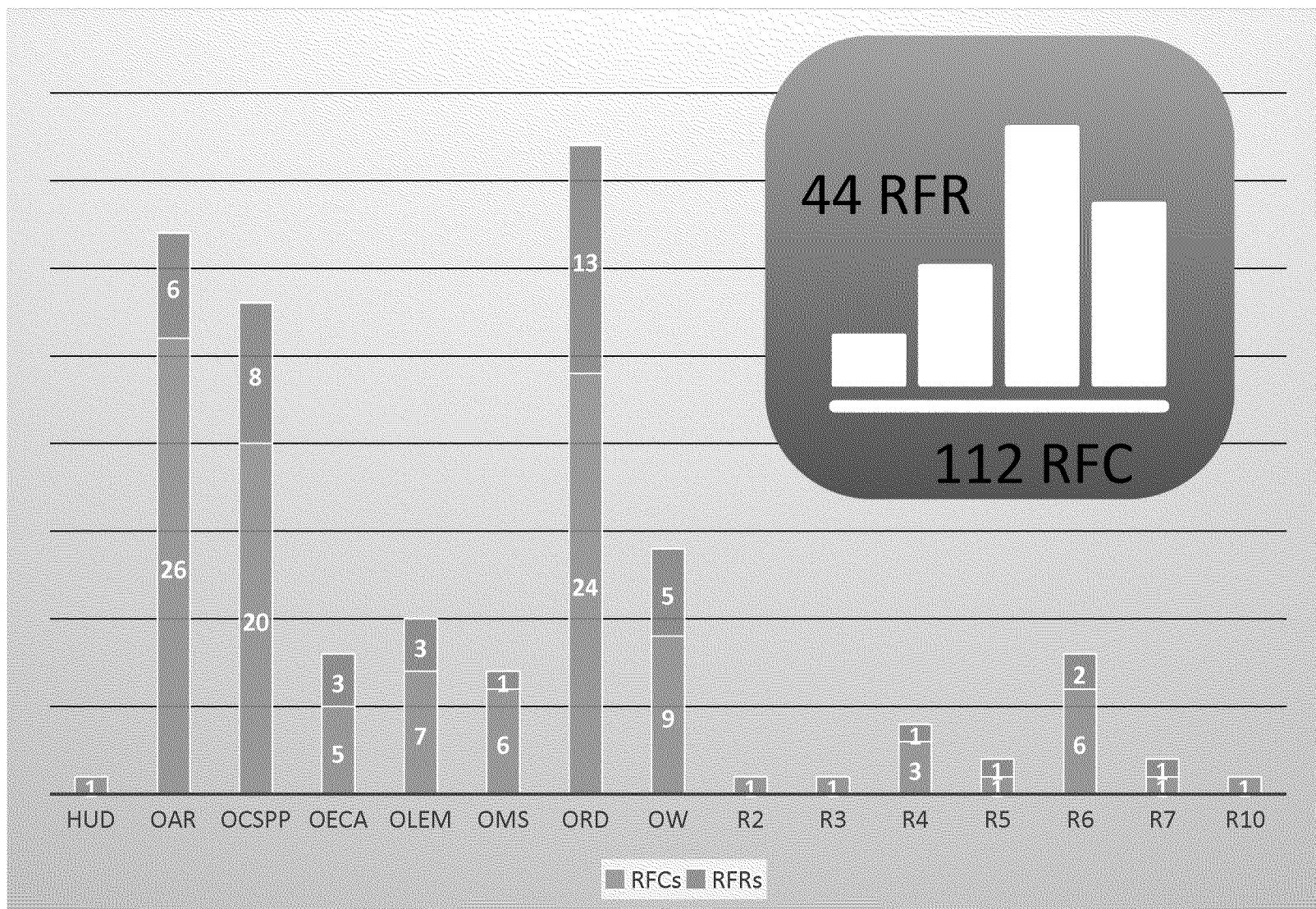


Request for Reconsideration (RFR)





IQG Challenges by Organization





RFCs that became RFRs

RFR #	Subject
2239A	Barium
7428A	Climate Action Report
7421A	Enforcement and Compliance History On-line (ECHO)
12385A	Bromate
13679A	Perchlorate
04017A	Climate Action Report
04019A	Physical/chemical property values
04020A	Ozone Transport Commission Model Rule for VOCs
04021A	Groundwater
04025A	Diisocyanates
05004A	Metam Sodium
05006A	Carcinogen Risk Assessment
06004A	Storm Water Enforcement and Compliance
07001A	Lead recontamination data

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RFR #	Subject
07003A	Vinyl Chloride
08001A	Ozone NAAQS Revision
08002A	Asbestos
09002A	NO2
10003A	Coal Combustion Products Partnerships
12001A	Biofuels
12004A	Drinking Water
13001A	RCRA Corrective Action
14001A	Trichloroethylene
14003A	Coal-Tar Sealcoat
15003A	Phthalic anhydride
16001A	Trichloroethylene
16002A	Ethylene Dichloride
17002A	Chloroprene
18001A	Anthraquinone
21001A	Greenhouse Effect



- Request for Correction (RFC)
 - RFC 18003 – Ethylene Oxide
 - RFC 19002 – Greenhouse Gas
 - RFC 21002 – Carbon Tetrachloride
- Request for Reconsideration (RFR)
 - RFR 16002A – Ethylene Dichloride
 - RFR 21001A – Greenhouse Effect

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Sent: Thur 3/4/2021 7:50:23 PM (UTC)
Subject: Revised QCIX IQG slides
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Hi Katherine,

Attached are the revised QCIX IQG slides for your review.

Thanks

Bob

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Subject: EQMD Weekly
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Hi Jeff and Patrick - - Attached is the EQMD Weekly for Jan 25th.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you!

Katherine

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EQMD Weekly Report

For the week of January 25, 2021

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- Jan 20th - Dan Coogan reached out to OCFO on our behalf for CA#4, conduct a workload analysis.
- Jan 21st - Met with OHR and discussed using the Talent Enterprise Diagnostic (TED) to determine the skillsets needed for EQMD. This analysis will resolve CA #3.
- Feb 1st - Core group (EQMD and Jeff) to meet with Neptune

Quality Directives

- Jan 15th – Received the roles and responsibilities text the LSASDDs would like to have in the directives.
- Jan 21st – OCAPPM sent the concurrence IMO/IRMBC worksheets to Vaughn.
- Jan 21st – Patrick and I met with Vaughn to discuss Deb Szaro's email regarding certification and we prepared an email for him to send to Deb.
- Jan 22nd - Vaughn shared with me comments he received from Jerry Blancato. I will forward these to you. ORD communicated that "we are not listening to them".
- Discuss Lora Johnson emails and QCIX engagement.
- Received calls and emails from Regions 2 and 4 for assistance in entering comments.
- Jan 27th – IT/IM directives chat (Jeff, Krysti, Beth and Katherine).
- Niki continues to work with OCAPPM on communications.
- Bob is finalizing the train-the-trainer slide decks.

State & Tribal QA Project Plan (QAPP)

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Data reported to David Segovia on Jan 15th. We exceeded our targets and approved 36 of the 38 QAPPs received in Dec for a total of 95%. Note, Region 8

- National Term and Conditions – Now that the Quality Directive are moving forward Connie is working 14 QAPPs requiring an annual review so this contributed to exceeding the target. Also, our backlog total is at 32 and note we started with 32 QAPPs in backlog in October.
- Jan 25th – Sending National Term and Condition to OGC for review.
- Jan 22nd and 25th - Qlik tool demos with Bryan Chastain with QAPP Catchup Biweekly and RQAMs. [[HYPERLINK](#)]

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- Jan 25th – Discussing the start counting date with RQAMs and David Segovia.
- Jan 25th – We prepared an email for you to send to the Regions, state and tribes highlighting our accomplishments, plans for CY 2021 and asking those interested in the QAPP project to update their contact information and interest in the project.
- Need to schedule time with Vaughn to demo the Qlik tool.

Information Quality the Guidelines

- Jan 14th - Prepared for Vaughn and sent two emails to OAR and OCSPP requesting the status of these three IQG challenges. Note, we did send an email to ORD because RFR 17002A is nearing the convening of the Executive Panel.

<i>IQG ID</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Information Owner</i>	<i>Date Received</i>	<i>Days Active</i>	<i>Status / Action Needed</i>
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[HYPERLINK "https://cfint.rtpnc.epa.gov/locator/extended_search.cfm"]	Greenhouse Gas Endangerment Finding	OAR	5/13/2019	612	Held up in OAR IO Please contact DAA
RFC 21001	Greenhouse Effect	OAR	10/20/2020	86	Draft response in OAR mgmt. Need to send to OMB for comment

- Jan 22nd – Received a third email response from Patrick Walsh, Denka Co, requesting a private meeting with him to discuss RFR17002A. I've sent this email to Bob and he will work with ORD and OGC to write a response stating we will not meet with him and he will have to wait on the outcome of the Executive Panel.
- Jan 25th - RFC 21001, Greenhouse Effect scoping meeting.
- In the process of converting the IQGs to a Procedure. This will require an internal QA/IQG community review and 10-day Agency-wide review.
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- This link provides the status of all QMPs.

QA Virtual Meeting (Apr 27 – 29, 2021)

- 28 proposals received
- Jan 22nd – Met with Ross Strategic and QA Leads to discuss the path forward.
- Schedule:

Date	Milestone
Feb 5 th	1 st Interim Draft
Feb 8 th	Meeting Registration Email
Feb 19 th	Final state/Tribal Proposals
Mar 5 th	1 st Public Draft
Mar 8 th	Meeting Registration Reminder and Shared Draft Agenda
Apr 5 th	Final Agenda
Apr 19 th	Final Presentations Due

Miscellaneous:

- Jan 19th – Share feedback from the Region 8, Subject: Career Discussion and virtual coffee.
- First Week of Feb – Niki will share the QA scavenger hunt she is working on and will be sharing at the Feb QCIX.

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is back virtually. Connie is our Jan recipient!

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tracking table.

- Mar 8th – Sent our workload estimation calculation sent to OCFO. This analysis will be based on core product work to include: QMPs, assessments, annual reporting, IQGs, directives/guidance, QAPPs, grants and contracts, and other activities. This analysis will resolve CA #4.
- Mar 8th – Completing the TED work skills assessment. In addition to the fundamental and leadership/management competencies there are 42 [[HYPERLINK](#)]

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[] in TED. I have selected the following QA competencies: audit reports, internal controls, manages and organizes information, organizational awareness, planning and evaluation, quality management, and self-management. This analysis will resolve CA #3.

Quality Directives

- Mar 4th – Sent OLEM a revised copy of their waiver to send to Vaughn with a copy to Jeff and me.
- Mar 5th – Sent you our [[HYPERLINK](#)]

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with Comms Plan,

SIO and Admin Update, one-pager, desk statement and FAQs to OCAPPM.

- Mar 8th – Received comments back from QA Leads on the definition of environmental information, certification, roles and responsibilities and annual reporting.
- Mar 10th – CIO SAC brief due to OCAPPM.

State & Tribal QA Project Plan (QAPP)

- Mar 9th – Meeting with Andy and Jessica to discuss project commitments.
- Mar 15th – Feb Mission Measure and backlog due.

Information Quality the Guidelines

- Mar 4th – Received RFR 21001A, Greenhouse Effect. Acknowledged the challenge and informed OMB.
- Mar 8th – RFC 19002, Endangerment Finding and RFC 18003, Ethylene Oxide scoping meetings.
- Mar 9th – RFC 21002, Carbon Tetrachloride scoping meeting.
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Quality Management Plans – Nothing to report.

QA Virtual Meeting (Apr 27 – 29, 2021)

- Mar 2nd - Sent a request to OMS Meeting Materials for Vaughn's opening remarks and waiting to hear back if the Chief of Staff will attend.
- Discuss Community involvement, and Andy (E-Enterprise) and Jennifer (PFAS) presenting on these topics.
- Theme – The Quality Program Transformation.
- Schedule:

Date	Milestone
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Hello Jeff and Patrick - - Attached is the EQMD Weekly. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you!

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- Mar 12th – Followed up on workload estimation calculation sent to OCFO. This analysis will be based on core product work to include: QMPs, assessments, annual reporting, IQGs, directives/guidance, QAPPs, grants and contracts, and other activities. This analysis will resolve CA #4.
- Mar 16th – Continue to work on completing the TED work skills assessment. In addition to the fundamental and leadership/management competencies there are 42 [HYPERLINK

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[redacted] in TED. I have selected the following QA competencies: audit reports, internal controls, manages and organizes information, organizational awareness, planning and evaluation, quality management, and self-management. This analysis will resolve CA #3.

Quality Directives

- Mar 8th – Sent CIO SAC brief to OCAPPM.
- Mar 9th – Sent you our [HYPERLINK

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with Comms Plan,

SIO and Admin Update, one-pager, desk statement and FAQs to Shakeba, OMS Public Affairs Specialist for approval.

- Mar 11th – OLEM sent a request for a waiver to the QA FAP for CERCLA activities to the CIO, with a copy to Jeff and me.

State & Tribal QA Project Plan (QAPP)

- Mar 9th – Meeting with Andy and Jessica to discuss project commitments.
- Mar 15th – Feb Mission Measure and backlog due.

Information Quality the Guidelines

- Mar 4th – Received RFR 21001A, Greenhouse Effect. Acknowledged the challenge and informed OMB.
- Mar 8th – RFC 19002, Endangerment Finding and RFC 18003, Ethylene Oxide scoping meetings.
- Mar 9th – RFC 21002, Carbon Tetrachloride scoping meeting.
- In the process of converting the IQGs to a Procedure. This will require an internal QA/IQG community review and 10-day Agency-wide review.
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Quality Management Plans – Nothing to report.

QA Virtual Meeting (Apr 27 – 29, 2021)

- Mar 2nd - Sent a request to OMS Meeting Materials for Vaughn's opening remarks and waiting to hear back if the Chief of Staff will attend.
- Discuss Community involvement, and Andy (E-Enterprise) and Jennifer (PFAS) presenting on these topics.
- Theme – The Quality Program Transformation.
- Schedule:

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- Mar 31st – The CIOs signed the Quality Directives, and this closes out CA#14, Complete development and rollout of an agency-wide tracking system to include core metrics.

Quality Directives - Mar 31st. Vaughn signed the Quality Directives and they are posted to the [[HYPERLINK](#) [Ex. 6 Personal Privacy \(PP\) - SharePoint Link](#)] site. We are waiting for Vaughn to send out the official transmittal before forwarding to the QA Community.

QMPs (R2) and QAPPs (R5 and G5)

State & Tribal QA Project Plan (QAPP)

- Mar 25th – The QAPP Qlik tool is available on the public access page and all (the grantee's name and QAPP name) are removed. Access the site at this [[HYPERLINK](#)

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- Apr 2nd – Completed review of the QAPP National Term and Condition documents and meeting with Connie on Apr 6th to discuss.
- Apr 8th – Participating in the EELC round robin and provide an update on the QAPP project (public access Qlik tool, monthly Quality Program meetings with E-Enterprise, states and tribes, and QA Virtual Meeting on Apr 27-29th.
- Apr 15th – Mar Mission Measure and backlog counts due to EQMD.

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QA Virtual Meeting (Apr 27 – 29, 2021)

- Theme - The Quality Program Transformation, Stronger Together
- Mar 31st - The registration link has been sent to the QA Community. As of Apr 2nd, 166 individuals have registered.
- Apr 9th - Preparing to send you CIO opening and closing talking points for this meeting.
- Apr 9th - Testing the meeting TEAMS background.
- Apr 19th – Final presentations due.

Miscellaneous: Nothing to report.

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Subject: EQMD Weekly
Attachments: Weekly_11162020.docx; IQGs Updates briefing 11172020.pptx

Hi Jeff & Patrick - - Attached is the EQMD Weekly, along with an IQG update we'd like Bob to give during the first part of our meeting.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

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we will share it with you once completed. We will have the DRAFT report to you and Patrick by Nov 20th.

Quality Directives

- The Agency-wide review is closed for comments. We received 388 comments on the Policy and 661 comments on the Procedure, for a total of 1,049 comments. Connie and Neptune have begun working to address comments.
- Tribal consultation closes on Nov 6th.
- Directives review schedule:

Dates	# of Working Days	Actions	Notes
Oct 9 th – Nov 24 th	30	EQMD reviews comments and prepares responses.	1,049 comments received
Nov 6 th – Nov 19 th	9	Conflicting comments resolution	
		Incorporate comments from tribal consultation	
		Results of conflicts are with contractor	Return Nov 20 th
Nov 24 th – Dec 1 st	4	Finalize working sessions	
Dec 2 nd – Dec 14 th	10	EQMD shares response to comments prior with QA Community, LSASDDs, MSDDs, SIOs and IMOs	
		Concurrence sought by OCAPPM from IMOs	5 working days within this timeframe
Dec 15 th	1	EQMD submits final Directives to CIO for signature	

State & Tribal QA Project Plan (QAPP) Project Submitted the [HYPERLINK

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to David Segovia on Nov 16th (34 eligible/30 approved, 88%). Total starting backlog is 32, with Region 3, approving 2 backlog QAPPs. Note, Regions 5, 8 and 9 are not using the workbooks and only reporting numbers.

Information Quality the Guidelines

- IQG update – Bob will provide an update on the IQG program to include our plan for incorporating OMB's requirements in the M-19-15 memorandum. We'd like to cover this topic first.

- RFC 210001, Greenhouse Effect scoping meeting held on Nov 16th. This RFC challenges the mathematical premise on which the Greenhouse Effect and Greenhouse Gases are based.
- We are also in the process of converting the IQGs to a Procedure. This will require an internal QA/IQG community review and 10-day Agency-wide review.
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Quality Management Plans

- Received Region 4's QMP on Oct 30th. Completed review and returned on Nov 2nd.
- Received Region 5's QMP on Nov 13th. Acknowledged receipt and plan to complete the review by Nov 20th.
- Awaiting OAR/ORIA's QMP which was returned to the organization on Aug 31st.
- Awaiting feedback from the email Vaughn sent to OCSPP on Sep 18th regarding their reorganization and needed QMP revision(s) and identifying QAMs.
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Miscellaneous

- Pam and I met with Deborah Ward-Beard on Nov 3rd and updated the Quality Program delegations of authority. This delegation was originally dated 1/28/2000 and the new delegation is now post at: [HYPERLINK Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) - SharePoint Link Also, we will need to post the redelegation and do that this week. A huge thank you to Pam and Deborah for making this happen!

EPA Information Quality Guidelines (IQGs)

Update to OEIP Director & Deputy
November 17, 2020

Agenda

- EPA IQGs Procedure
- OMB M-19-15
- OMB Guideline Updates
- OMB Email June 3, 2020
- Action Items Summary
- RFC/RFR Status

EPA IQGs Procedure

- *EPA Guidelines for Ensuring and Maximizing the Quality, Objectivity, Utility, and Integrity of Information Disseminated by the Environmental Protection Agency*
 - First issued Oct 2002
 - 4th Addendum issued Sep 1st, 2020 - Did not include all OMB updates
- EPA IQGs reformatted into a Procedure will include all:
 - Past addenda
 - OMB M-19-15 updates

OMB M-19-15

- Memorandum for the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies (Apr 24th, 2019)
 - Updates the OMB issued *Guidelines for Ensuring and Maximizing the Quality, Objectivity, Utility and Integrity of Information Disseminated by Federal Agencies* (2002)
 - EQMD notified of this memorandum in May 2019. Current EQMD staff made aware Sep 28th, 2020.

OMB Guidelines Updates

- Directs agencies to update their guidelines within 90 days (this was not completed)
- Updates made to the following general areas
 - Pre-dissemination review of information products
 - Public access and re-use of EPA data
 - Reproducibility of influential information to increase the credibility of federal decisions
 - Requests for Correction
- Includes recommended wording for updates

OMB Email Jun 3rd, 2019

- Provides clarification on how to implement M-19-15
- Requires EPA to comply with Section 16 of the Policies for Federal Agency Public Websites and Digital Services (OMB M-17-06) and ensure that the EPA IQ web page is accessible from Agency homepage
 - EQMD to determine how to place the link on the Agency homepage. (Nov 2020)

OMB Email June 3rd, 2019

- Ensure that all subagencies/components within EPA are aware of M-19-15. The following implementation updates likely would be addressed through changes to routine activities at the program level.
 - 1.2-1.4: *Peer Review Bulletin*
 - 2.1, 2.2: *Open Data*
 - 2.3-2.4: *Extended/Secondary Use*
 - 2.5-2.6: *Extended/Secondary Use*
 - 3.1-3.2: *Models/Machine Learning*
 - 3.3: *Non-Federal Data*
 - 3.4 – 3.5: *Privacy/Confidentiality*
- Verify with IQG Program Officers the extent of implementation (Dec 2020).

OMB Email June 3rd, 2019

- Within 90 days: interim update to Agency's Information Quality Guidelines
 - **At minimum**, add a new section to the Agency's *Information Quality Guidelines* that includes a commitment to each of the other updates in M-19-15 (copy the text for each of the updates and state that your Agency is making a commitment to compliance. (M-19-15 to be posted on EPA IQGs website stating our commitment to comply – Nov 2020)
 - Convene a process for generating the new text required by "*Implementation Update 1.1: Updating Criteria for Influential.*" Engagement with program offices that generate both technical/scientific/statistical content and those that promulgate regulatory policy will be necessary. (EQMD to work with IQG Officers to ensure update implementation – Dec 2020)
 - Commit to the deadlines in *Implementation Updates 4.1-4.5: Requests for Correction (Complete – included in latest EPA IQGs addendum)*
 - Ensure that appropriate offices within your Agency understand which of the remaining M 19-15 updates they are responsible for implementing. (EQMD to work with IQG Officers to ensure update implementation)
 - Make sure this "interim" update is clearly marked on your IQ web page and that the IQ web page is accessible from your agency's home page. (Planned completion - Dec 15th, 2020)

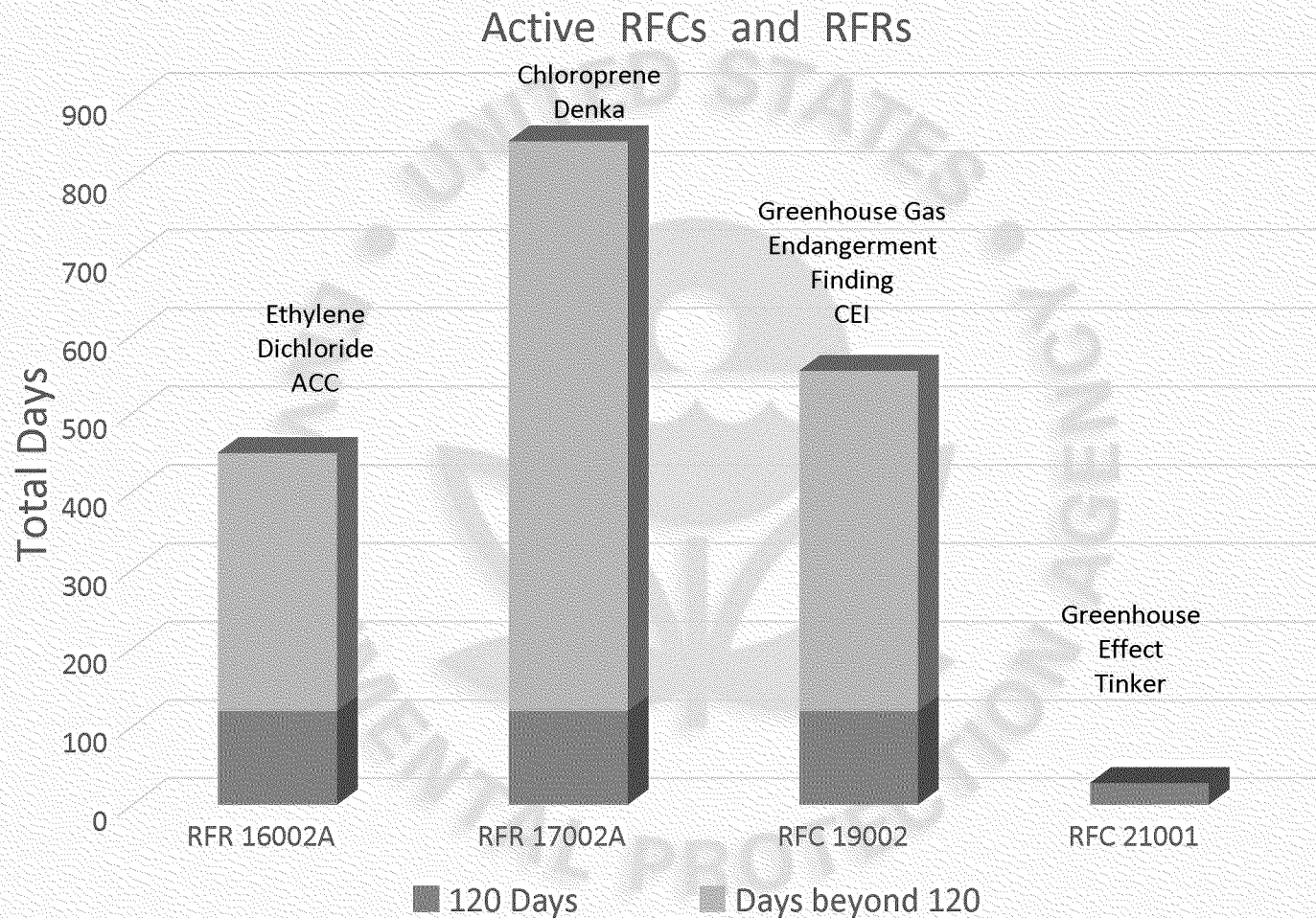
OMB Email June 3rd, 2019

- Within 150 days: Update Agency's Information Quality Guideline
 - Finalize new text describing the agency's definition of "influential," consistent with *Implementation Update 1.1: Updating Criteria for Influential Information* (To be included in new Procedure)
 - Finalize updated Agency processes, consistent with *Implementation Updates 4.1-4.5: Requests for Correction*. (Complete – included in latest EPA IQGs addendum)
 - For agencies that have guidance about peer review, they should update that guidance to be consistent with *Implementation Updates 1.2-1.4: Peer Review Bulletin*. If an agency does not have peer review guidance, they are still responsible for complying with both the original 2004 memorandum, as well as the implementation updates. (EQMD to ensure this information is included in Peer Review Handbook – Dec 2020)
 - Set a timeline for decisions regarding the need for agency or departmental guidance regarding how to ensure that each of the M-19-15 implementation updates become part of routine agency activities. (EQMD to work with IQG Officers to determine timeline – Dec 2020)
 - Determine whether anything else in your guidelines would benefit from tweaking and set a schedule for updating it. (M-19-15 updates included in draft IQGs Procedure. Will work with OCAPPM to determine schedule.)

Action Items Summary

Actions	Target Completion
M-19-15 to be posted on EPA IQGs website stating our commitment to comply.	Nov-20
Convene a process for generating the new text required by "Implementation Update 1.1: Updating Criteria for Influential."	Dec-20
Commit to the deadlines in Implementation Updates 4.1-4.5: Requests for Correction.	Completed
Ensure that appropriate offices within your Agency understand which of the remaining M 19-15 updates they are responsible for implementing.	Dec-20
"Interim" update is clearly marked on your IQ web page and that the IQ web page is accessible from your agency's home page.	15-Dec-20
Finalize new text describing the agency's definition of "influential," consistent with Implementation Update 1.1: Updating Criteria for Influential Information.	TBD - Included in new Procedure
Finalize updated Agency processes, consistent with Implementation Updates 4.1-4.5: Requests for Correction.	Completed
Update Peer Review guidance to be consistent with Implementation Updates 1.2-1.4: Peer Review Bulletin.	Dec-20
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RFC/RFR Status



RFC/RFR Tracking Table

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Hi Jeff and Patrick - - Attached is the EQMD Weekly. I've forwarded my weekly invite to Connie and she will join us for the first 10 minutes of this meeting to share the status of the QA term and condition.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you!

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- Apr 9th - Led the monthly QAPP catchup and Quality Program overview with E-Enterprise, ECOS, Cherokee Nation, and Ross Strategic.
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QMPs (R2) and QAPPs (R5 and G5)

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Miscellaneous - Apr 12th - 13th, conducting EQMD midyear reviews.

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To: Kirby, Kevin [KIRBY.KEVIN@EPA.GOV]
CC: Chalfant, Katherine [Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov]
Subject: Follow-up on RFC 19002 and 18005

Kevin - - I am swamped, please prepare an email for Sharon to send to John Shoaff asking for the status of the above RFCs. Please send to me and I will forward. Thank you!

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Sharon - - Please send the following email to John Shoaff, Director, Office of Air Policy and Program Support, asking if he can help move along these two RFCs.

Thank you!

To: Shoaff, John <Shoaff.John@epa.gov>

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Cc: Chalfant, Katherine <Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov>
Subject: Follow-up on RFC 19002 and 18005

Kevin - - I am swamped, please prepare an email for Sharon to send to John Shoaff asking for the status of the above RFCs. Please send to me and I will forward. Thank you!

Katherine

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To: Chalfant, Katherine[Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov]; Tallent, Robert[Tallent.Robert@epa.gov]
From: Kirby, Kevin[/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=CBB65672F6F34545BE460A66FF6FA969-KIRBY, KEVIN]
Sent: Wed 3/4/2020 5:19:59 PM (UTC)
Subject: IQG Updates - Mar. 4, 2020
[IQG Updates 20200304.docx](#)

In anticipation of our meeting this afternoon...
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Sent: 7/10/2020 3:54:33 PM
To: Wells, Jeffrey [Wells.jeffrey@epa.gov]; Grimm, Patrick [Grimm.Patrick@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: Questions on the FY 2019 Information Quality Act Data Report
Attachments: FY19 - MEMORANDUM FOR INFORMATION QUALITY DATA CALL 6-8-2020.docx; FY19_EPA_IQG_Report_06252020 (002).xlsx
Location: Microsoft Teams Meeting
Start: 7/10/2020 4:00:00 PM
End: 7/10/2020 4:30:00 PM
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From: Henderson, Austin <Henderson.Austin@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2020 10:51 AM
To: Henderson, Austin; Gentile, Laura; Chalfant, Katherine
Cc: Grimm, Patrick; Wells, Jeffrey
Subject: Questions on the FY 2019 Information Quality Act Data Report
When: Friday, July 10, 2020 12:00 PM-12:30 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).
Where: Microsoft Teams Meeting

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Subject: Accepted: RFC 19002 - Endangerment Finding Scoping Team
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Sent: 3/5/2021 11:30:49 AM
To: Tallent, Robert [Tallent.Robert@epa.gov]
CC: Wells, Jeffrey [Wells.jeffrey@epa.gov]; Grimm, Patrick [Grimm.Patrick@epa.gov]; Bryant, Niki [bryant.niki@epa.gov]
Subject: IQG Brief for the Mar 11th QCIX
Attachments: IQA_IQG_03052021.pptx

Hi Bob - - I made a few minor changes and the slide deck looks great and is ready for the QCIX! Please let me know why we have that one HUD challenge and be prepared to highlight why when giving your presentation.

We're going to be a little tight on time because we will be having two presentations, so I ask that you take 15 mins, but no more than 20 mins. Niki will be watching everyone's time closely at our meeting to keep us on track. 😊 We are also limiting our updates to provide you and OCAPPM time on the agenda.

I'm including Jeff and Patrick on this email because I want them to see your work...what a great job!

Again, thank you!

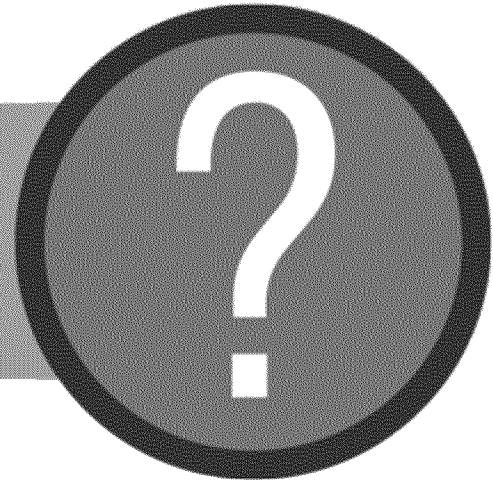
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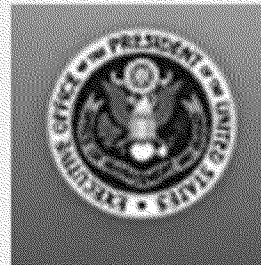
Understanding The Information Quality Act & EPA's Information Quality Guidelines

Update to the Quality Community
Information Exchange

March 11, 2021

Topics to Cover

- The Information Quality Act (IQA) purpose
- The Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) role
 - ✓ Information Quality Guidelines (IQGs)
 - ✓ OMB Memorandum M-19-15
- The link between EPA's IQGs and the Agency's Quality Program
- Snapshot of IQG Challenges



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Information Quality Act (IQA)

- Stated Public Law 106-554, Section 515
- Requires OMB to put into effect guidance for Federal agencies to ensure the quality, objectivity, utility, and integrity they disseminate
- OMB's government-wide guidelines, were finalized on Feb 22, 2002 (67 F.R. 8452), https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2021-03/documents/omb_iqgs.pdf
- Requires Federal agencies to publish their own agency specific guidelines



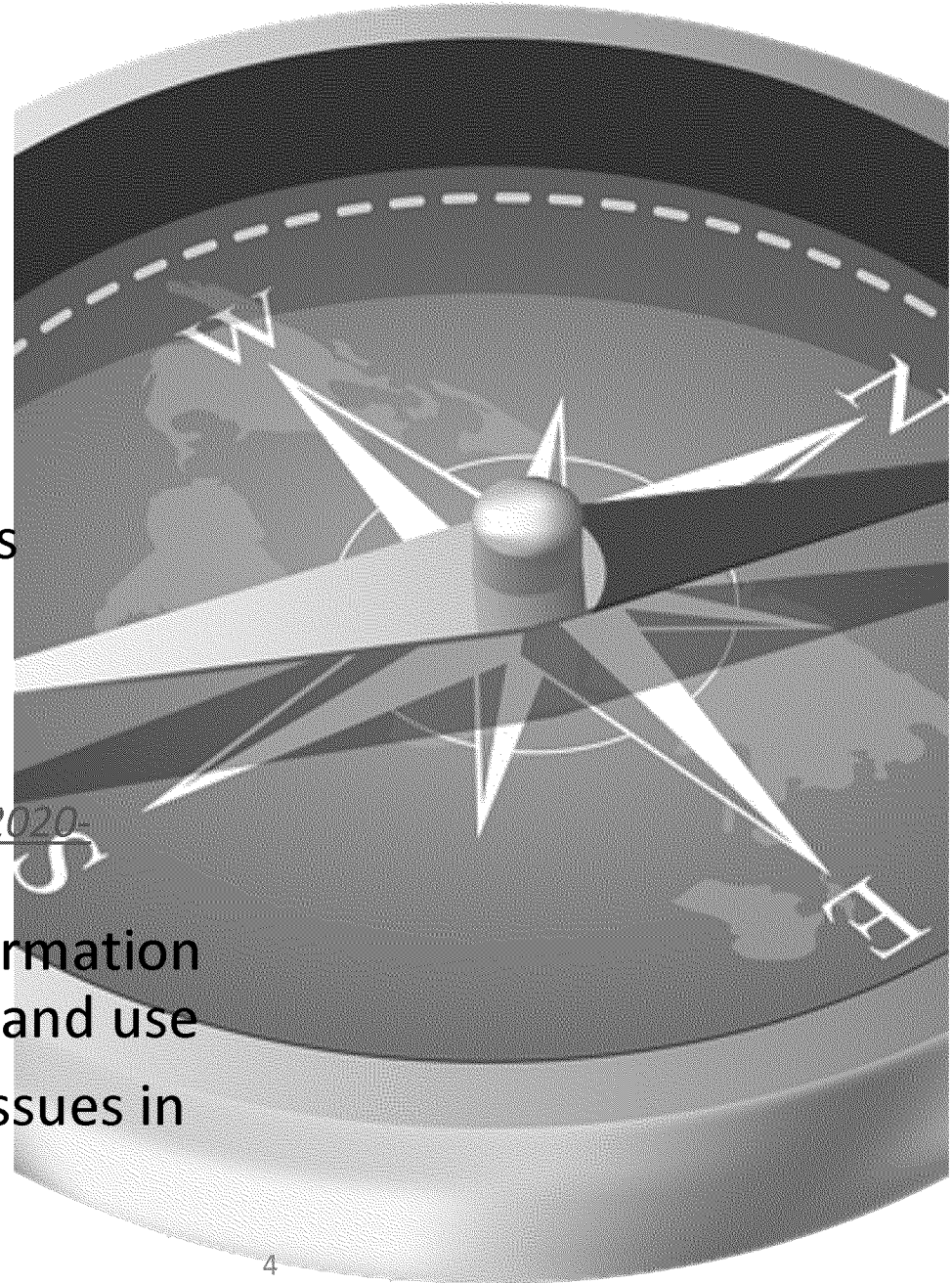


OMB M-19-15

- Issued Apr 24, 2019
- Reinforces, clarifies, and interprets agency responsibilities in the IQA
- Updates implementation of the *"Guidelines"*

https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2020-11/documents/omb-m-19-15_1.pdf

- Reflects recent innovations in information generation, access, management, and use
- Helps agencies address common issues in maintaining information quality





EPA Information Quality Guidelines (IQGs)

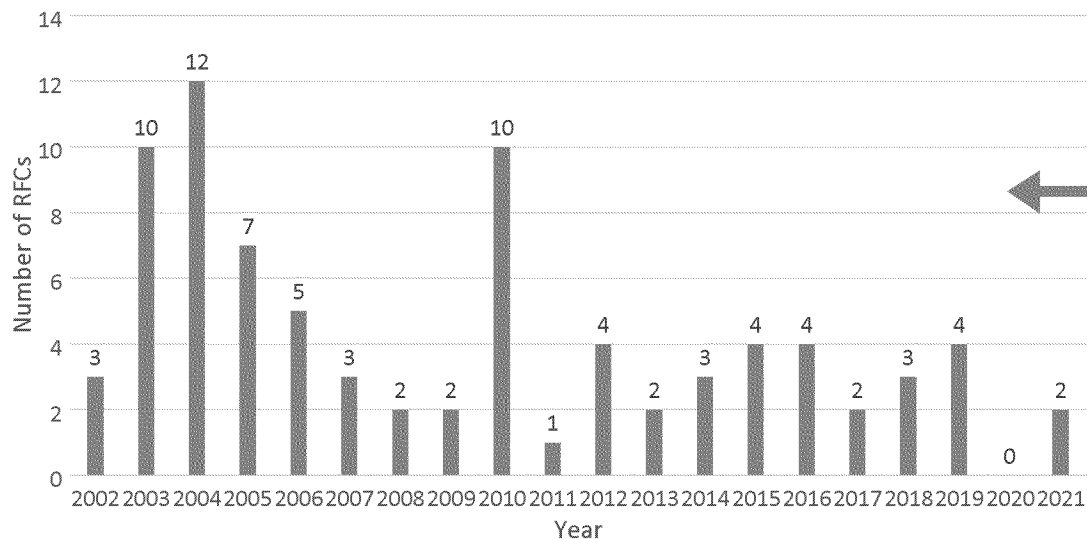
- Issued October 2002
 - https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2020-02/document/info-quality-guidelines_pdf_version.pdf
- Developed in response to guidelines issued by OMB
- Contain EPA's policy and procedural guidance for ensuring and maximizing the quality of disseminated information
- The IQGs:
 - ✓ Outline administrative mechanisms for EPA pre-dissemination review of information products
 - ✓ Describe mechanisms to enable affected persons to seek and obtain corrections from EPA regarding disseminated information that they believe does not comply with EPA or OMB guidelines:
 - Request for Correction (RFC)
 - Request for Reconsideration (RFR)



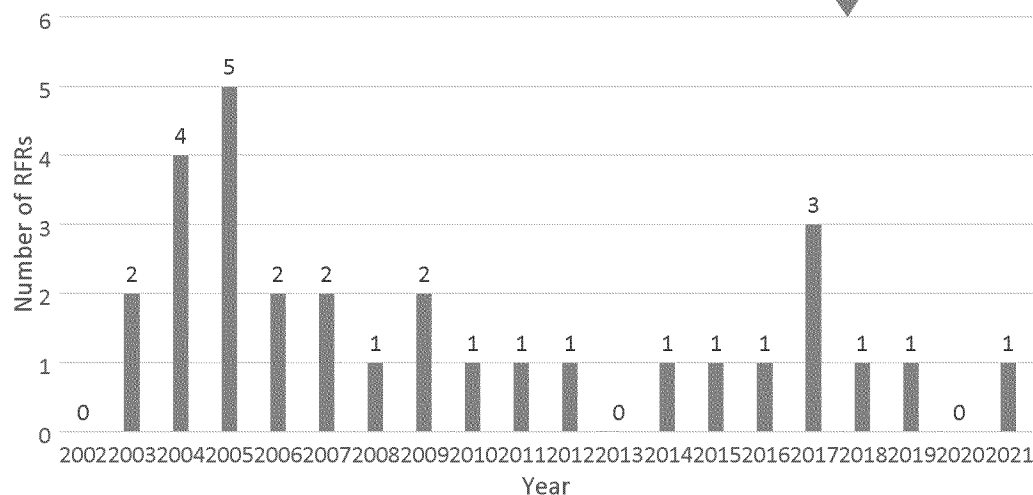


IQG Challenges by Year

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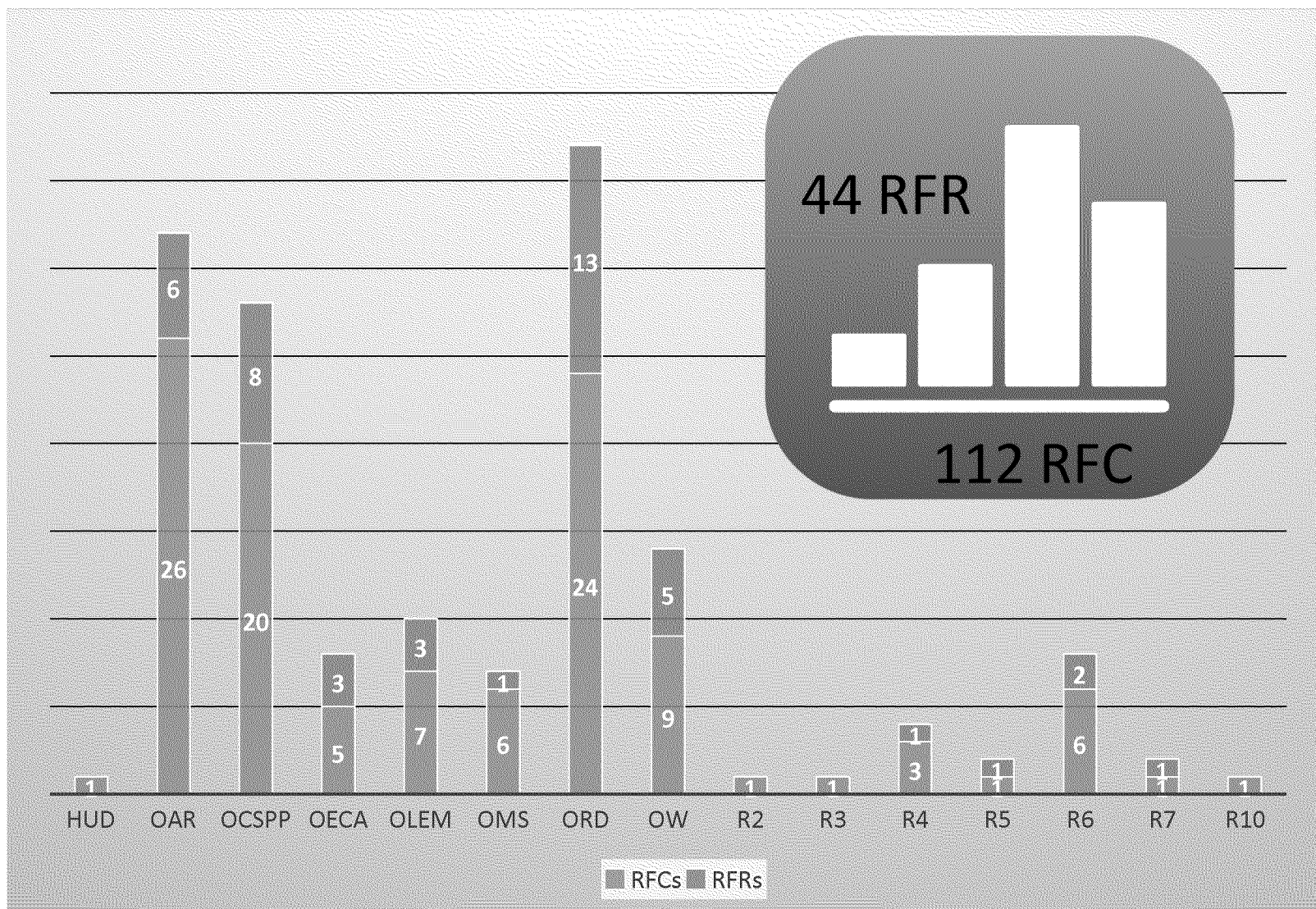


Request for Reconsideration (RFR)





IQG Challenges by Organization





RFCs that became RFRs

RFR #	Subject
2239A	Barium
7428A	Climate Action Report
7421A	Enforcement and Compliance History On-line (ECHO)
12385A	Bromate
13679A	Perchlorate
04017A	Climate Action Report
04019A	Physical/chemical property values
04020A	Ozone Transport Commission Model Rule for VOCs
04021A	Groundwater
04025A	Diisocyanates
05004A	Metam Sodium
05006A	Carcinogen Risk Assessment
06004A	Storm Water Enforcement and Compliance
07001A	Lead recontamination data

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RFR #	Subject
07003A	Vinyl Chloride
08001A	Ozone NAAQS Revision
08002A	Asbestos
09002A	NO2
10003A	Coal Combustion Products Partnerships
12001A	Biofuels
12004A	Drinking Water
13001A	RCRA Corrective Action
14001A	Trichloroethylene
14003A	Coal-Tar Sealcoat
15003A	Phthalic anhydride
16001A	Trichloroethylene
16002A	Ethylene Dichloride
17002A	Chloroprene
18001A	Anthraquinone
21001A	Greenhouse Effect



- Request for Correction (RFC)
 - RFC 18003 – Ethylene Oxide
 - RFC 19002 – Greenhouse Gas
 - RFC 21002 – Carbon Tetrachloride
- Request for Reconsideration (RFR)
 - RFR 16002A – Ethylene Dichloride
 - RFR 21001A – Greenhouse Effect

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Sent: 4/6/2021 4:34:33 PM
To: Tallent, Robert [Tallent.Robert@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: EQMD Weekly

Yes, I will get to it this afternoon!

From: Tallent, Robert <Tallent.Robert@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 12:34 PM
To: Chalfant, Katherine <Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: EQMD Weekly

BTW, did your email get you the revised (and hopefully correct) string for Jeff and OMB with the draft RFC 19002 response?

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Life is either a daring adventure...or nothing. H. Keller



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To: Bryant, Niki <bryant.niki@epa.gov>; Himmelbauer, Linda <Himmelbauer.Linda@epa.gov>; Scott, Austin <Scott.Austin@epa.gov>; Tallent, Robert <Tallent.Robert@epa.gov>; Thoma, Connie <Thoma.Connie@epa.gov>
Cc: Chalfant, Katherine <Chalfant.Katherine@epa.gov>
Subject: EQMD Weekly

Hello QPs - - As you know the EQMD Weekly with Jeff is usually on Tuesday's; however, sometimes it moves to Monday's or Wednesday's. I usually have everything covered that I need to discuss in this one-hour meeting and rely on your calendars to also provide updates.

If there is something you would like me to include please send it to me by either Thursday or Friday (depending upon your last work day of the week) prior to my meeting. Most often I start working on the Weekly on Friday and I need to send it to Jeff and Patrick the day before.

Finally, I upload all EQMD Weeklies to the  site for your information.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you!

Katherine

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Sent: 12/5/2019 1:36:26 AM
To: Noga, Vaughn [Noga.Vaughn@EPA.GOV]
Subject: Accepted: Internal Discussion RFC #19002 and RFR #19001 both submitted by the Competitive Enterprise Institute (CEI).
Location: DCRoomARN5014/DC-AR-OEI
Start: 12/9/2019 2:30:00 PM
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To: Wells, Jeffrey [Wells.jeffrey@epa.gov]; Grimm, Patrick [Grimm.Patrick@epa.gov]
Subject: EQMD Weekly
Attachments: Weekly_04262021.docx

Hi Jeff and Patrick - - Attached please find a copy of the EQMD Weekly. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you!

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EQMD Weekly Report

For the week of April 26, 2021

QA Virtual Meeting (Apr 27 - 29, 2021)

- Theme - The Quality Program Transformation, Onward Together
- Apr 23rd - 451 individuals registered.
- Apr 23rd - Using Zoom Federal as the meeting platform. Ron Butler completed the order and Lisa finalize the funding codes.
- May 3rd - EQMD/Ross hot wash.
- May 3rd - Will prepare an update for the Administrator's Update.

OIG Quality Audit

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- Apr 22nd - Attended the ORBO monthly status briefing. Awaiting confirmation from the OIG Audit Team on acceptance of Corrective Action #14.
- Apr 22nd - With Linda's recommendations we completely overhaul the Neptune Strategic Plan and will send it to your ~ the third week in May for review.

Quality Directives: Apr 30th - Finalizing train-the-trainer slide deck and will send to Jeff for review. Region 1 would like to pilot these slides on an upcoming being held on May 6th and provide us feedback.

QMPs (R2) and QAPPs (R5 and G5)

- Apr 20th and 21st - Linda shared an update on the plan to revise these directives.
- Apr 27th - Linda will be joining us during the opening plenary to share updates on the plan to revise these directives.

Information Quality the Guidelines

- Apr 6th - Sent RFC 19002, GHG Endangerment Finding to OMB for review and approval. OAR completed their response to the requestor, Competitive Enterprise Institute (CEI).
Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Awaiting OMB's review comments. Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
- May 3rd - Awaiting revision of the DRAFT IQG Procedure from Bob. We need to determine our coordination with OIRA. I recommend this coordination takes place before sharing internally with the QA/IQG Communities for an internal 30-day review. This DRAFT contains originally language in the IT/IM Procedure format, includes all information from previous addenda, and OMB M19-15 requirements.
- Apr 26th - RFR 21001A, Greenhouse Effect Scoping meeting in preparation for Executive Panel.
- May 5th - RFR 21001A, Greenhouse Effect Executive Panel confirmed.
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Quality Management Plans: Apr 20th - Received OECA/OC QMP for preliminary internal review.

State & Tribal QA Project Plan (QAPP)

- * Apr 22nd - Prepared two slides for Director, OCI on the QAPP Project to share at the Region 9 RTOC at the request of Jessica Snyder; however, was informed these slides will not be part of the presentation.
- * Apr 26th - Preparing to complete a sixth review of the QA Term and Condition (T&C) and supporting documents.

QA Annual Reporting:

- * Apr 20th, Niki prepared a reminder email and we sent this out to nine organization who did not complete the survey. This MS Forms survey will determine the different methods that organizations are collecting/tracking QA activity data activities the 29 QAMs who have QMPs is due Apr 19th. This survey has a maximum of 13 questions and should take no longer than five minutes to complete. I will report the number of responses received during the EQMD Weekly to account for last minute submissions.
- * Apr 26th - Need to discuss annual certification as described in the revised policy. Since the data call memo was sent out in the beginning of the FY, as requested by the QA Community I recommend that certification doesn't start until FY 22/23. Also, we received questions about certification from the LSASDD meeting on Apr 21st and need to respond to Chris Choi. In addition, Chris sent in additional questions about reviewing reports and assessing environmental information. I'm told these questions are being raised by Region 2 and this is something we need to discuss.

Miscellaneous

- * Apr 29th - Austin's review.